

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 17-0644V

Filed: January 12, 2018

UNPUBLISHED

MUNA ALLAHAM,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Special Processing Unit (SPU);
Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Table Injury; Influenza (Flu) Vaccine;
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine
Administration (SIRVA)

*Anne Carrion Toale, Maglio Christopher & Toale, PA, Sarasota, FL, for petitioner.
Sarah Christina Duncan, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On May 16, 2017, petitioner filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, et seq.,² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleged that left shoulder bursitis and impingement which either meets the criteria set forth in the Vaccine Injury Table for a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration or, in the alternative, is causally related to the influenza vaccination she received in her left shoulder on October 22, 2015. Petition at ¶¶ 1, 4, 13, 16. Petitioner further alleged that she received the vaccination in the United States, suffered the residual effects of her injury for more than six months, and that neither she nor any other party has brought a civil action or received compensation for her injury alleged as

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

vaccine caused. *Id.* at ¶¶ 1, 14, 17-18. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On January 10, 2018, respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent "has concluded that petitioner's alleged injury is consistent with a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") as defined on the Vaccine Injury Table." *Id.* at 7. Respondent further agrees that "based on the records as it now stands, petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act." *Id.*

In view of respondent's position and the evidence of record, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master